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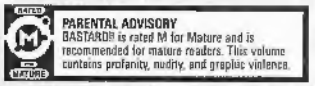
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THE CAST

Abigail
Age: Unknown •
Alignment: Neutral Evil
Once the high priest of Anthrasax and one of the Four Divine Kings, he was destroyed by Dark Schneider in a fearsome battle. But it turns out his soul was merely corrupted by the God of Destruction, and he's made a surprise return! Now he's a good guy again! He loves to hit D.S. with very heavy magical items.

Arshes Nei
Class: Fighter/Wizard •
Race: Half-Dark Elf
Age: About 117 •
Alignment: Neutral
A defector from the Four Divine Kings, this half-elf spell caster is Dark Schneider's adopted daughter-slash-lover.

Tia Noto Yoko
Class: Cleric (White Magic) •
Race: Human
Age: 17 • Alignment: Lawful Good
Although D.S. can barely keep his "sword" in his pants, it would seem he truly does have a soft spot for Tia Noto Yoko. But does she have a "soft spot" for him?

The God of Destruction is raging across the Earth, bringing great pain and sorrow upon the land. Terrible monsters of unspeakable evil are having a filthy orgy of horror, killing all in their path. Where's Dark Schneider during all of this? He's asleep again! Needless to say, he doesn't get to sleep long with Abigail around, as well as his magic morning star, which also doubles as an alarm clock. Back on his feet in no time, D.S. is ready to jump back in the fray and take on the multitudes of monsters on the earth—but not before threatening to skin them from stern to stem and make them dance in saltwater! Now that sounds serious! But just as he starts making good on his threat, the Ten Wise Men of Europea call upon him to take up the mantle of the legendary Dragon Warrior. Well, D.S. has other plans and reveals a shocking truth—the Ten Wise Men created Anthrasax! What does it mean? Read on and find out in this new explosive volume of Bastard!!

Dark Schneider
Class: Wizard • Race: Human
Age: About 400 • Alignment: Chaotic Evil (with neutral tendencies)
One of the greatest sorcerers the world has ever known—and also one of the greatest womanizers! He recently fought Kall-Su and killed him! It was a truly moving moment that led D.S. to realize his real feelings for his onetime best friend.

Prince Lars
Class: Fighter • Race: Human
Age: Unknown • Alignment: Lawful Good
He took on Dark Schneider 15 years ago and disappeared in the tremendous battle. In fact he was reborn and lived as a baby dragon until he recently returned to his original form.

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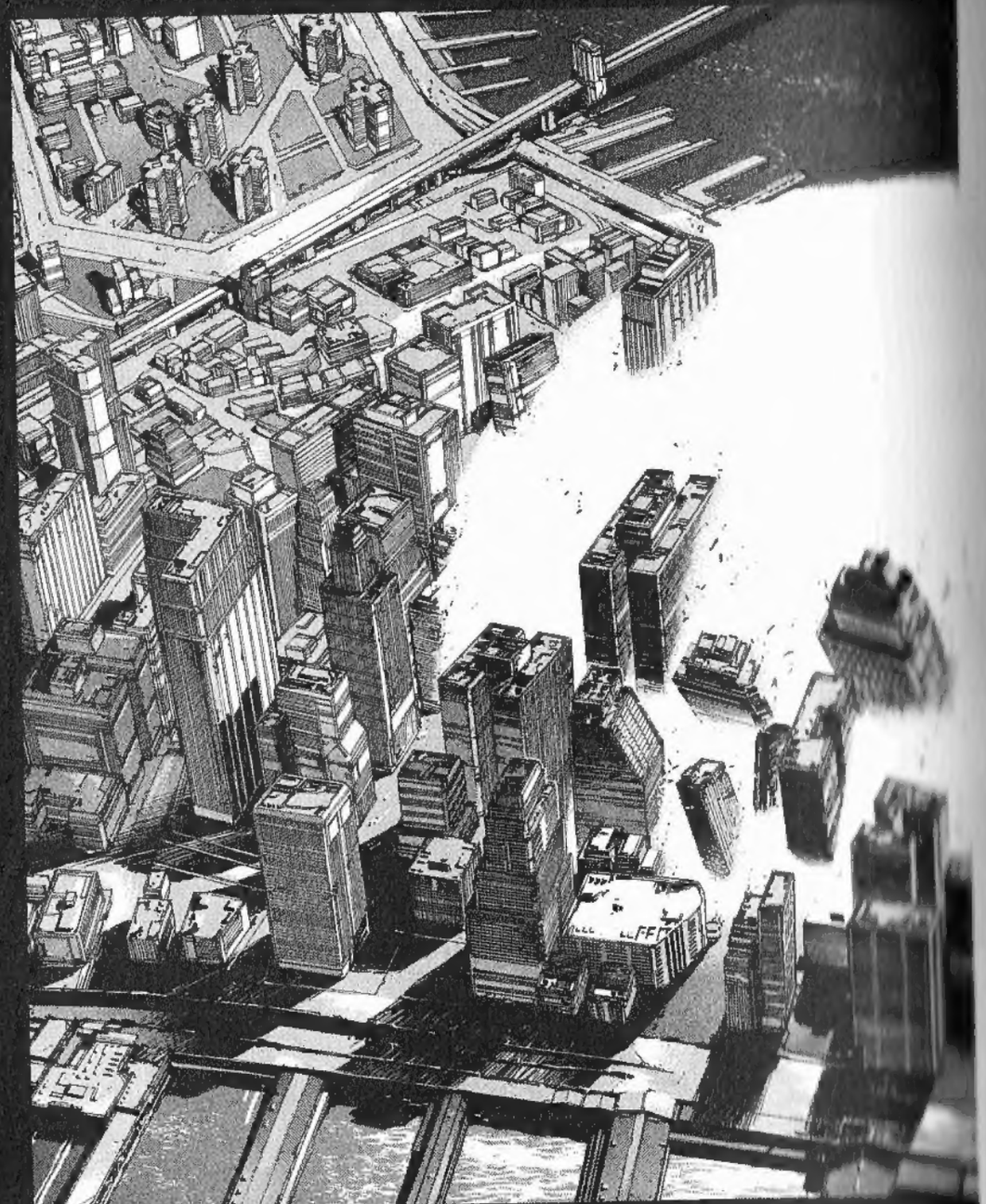

HUMANITY WAS APPROACHING THE END OF DAYS.

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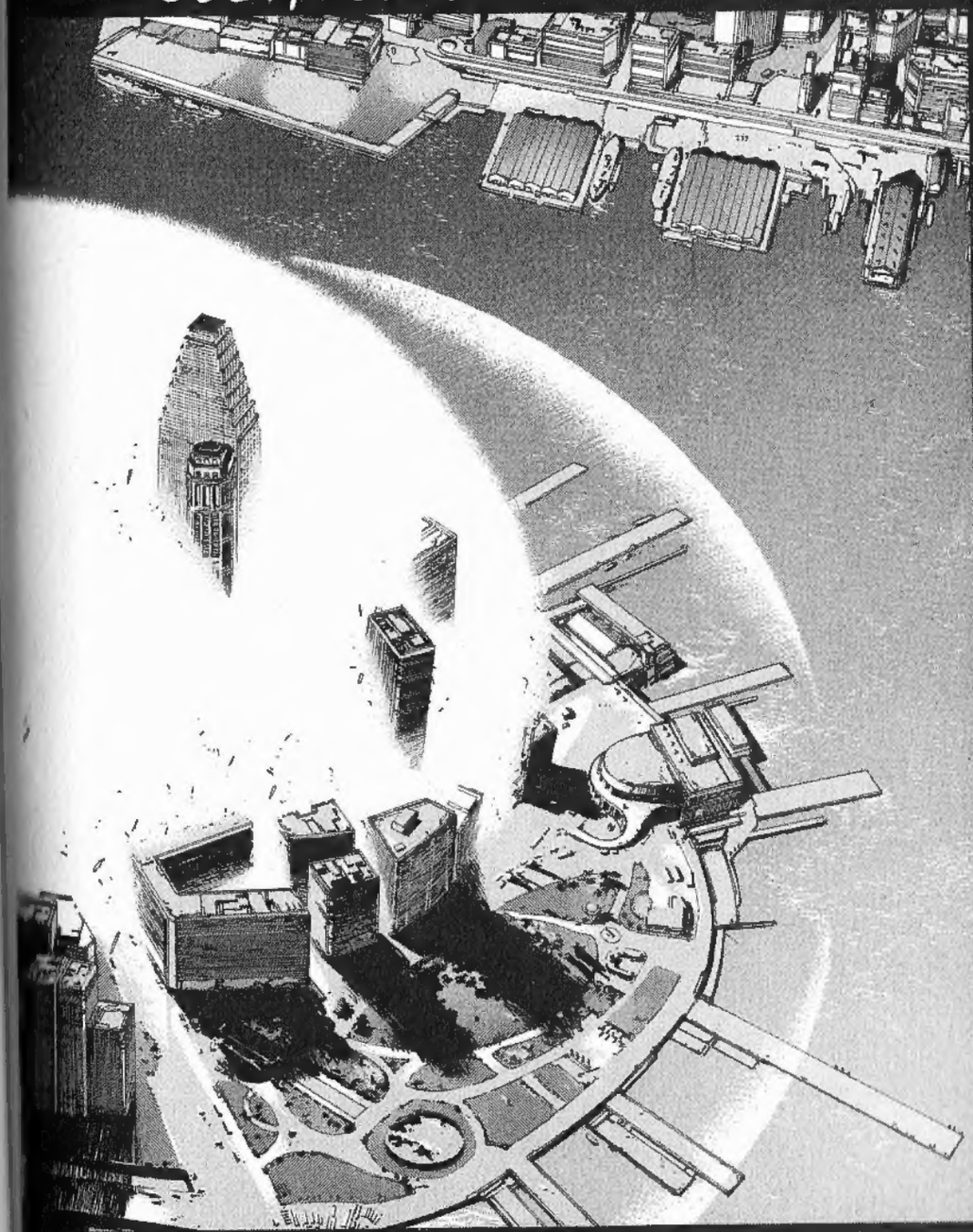
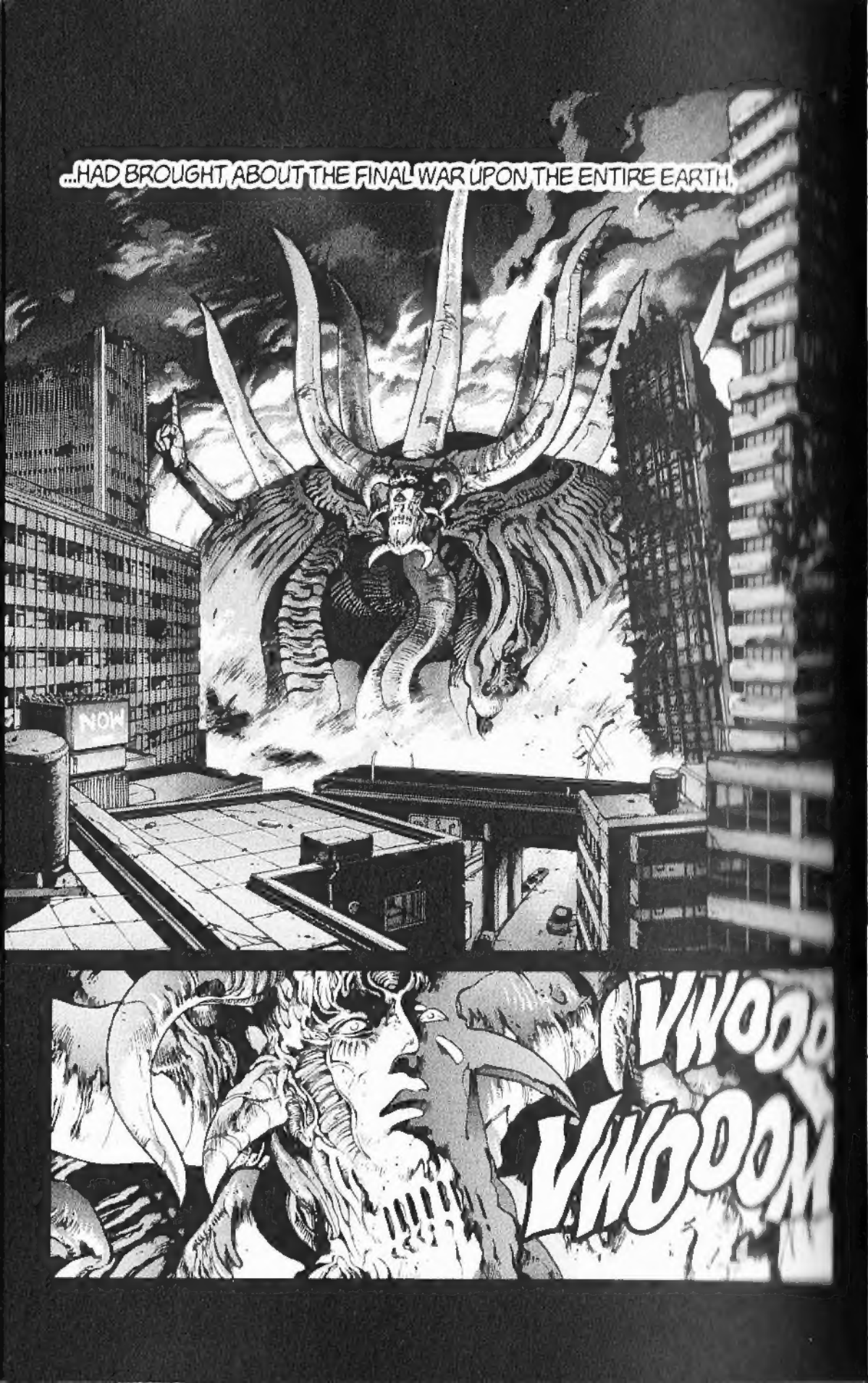


THE RAMPAGE OF A CYBERNETIC WEAPON, FAR MORE DEVASTASTING THAN ANY NUCLEAR OR MECHANIZED WEAPONRY...
VWOH
GWEE
EEEN
GSHNK
GSHNK
GGGGVVVVVMM


...HAD BROUGHT ABOUT THE FINAL WAR UPON THE ENTIRE EARTH.
NOW
VWOOO
VWOOM

YOUR ARRO-GANCE.

THE DARKNESS... WITHIN ALL OF YOU...

FROM THE DEPTHS OF YOUR HATE.

YOUR GREED.

YOUR DIS-TRUST.

WHAT?

GENERAL! THE PRESIDENT HAS DROPPED A NUCLEAR BOMB ON OUR LOCATION!

BGM

I... AM... BORN...

BWA TA TA TA TA TA!

AAAH!

BAM BO BOOM

KILL! KILL THAT MONSTER!

DIE!

VWP VWP!

NOW IS THE TIME FOR YOUR SINS TO BE REDEEMED.

VWP VWP VWP!

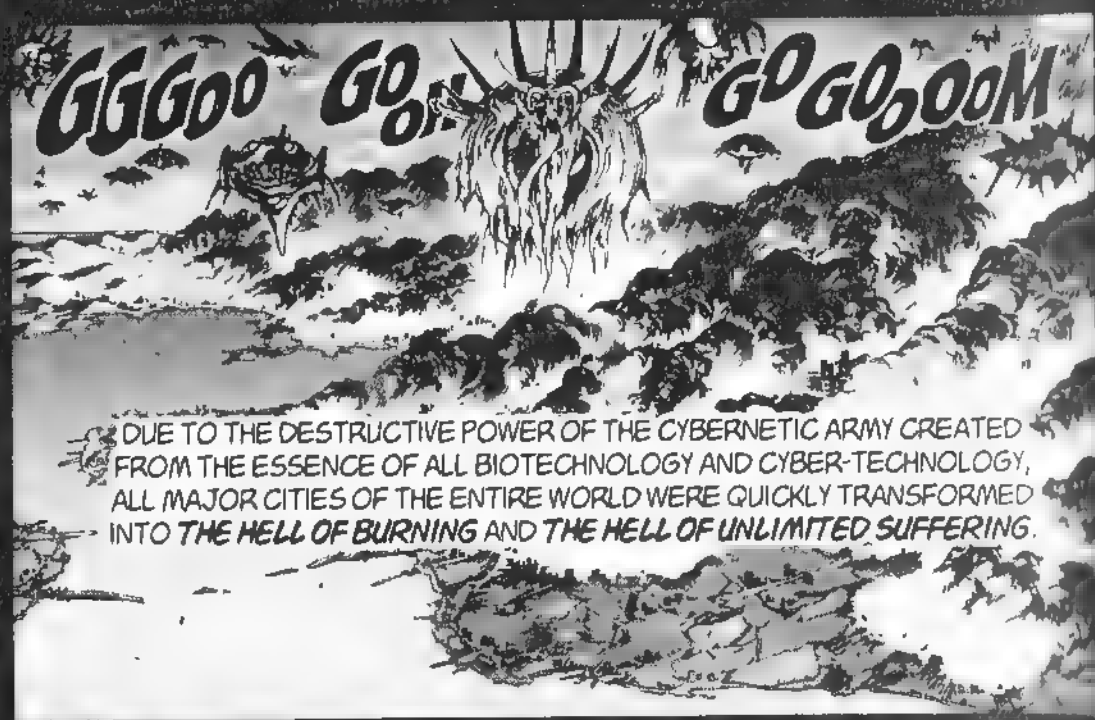
BAM

KA

BOOM

NOW... THE GREAT EARTH WISHES A QUIET SLUMBER.

GWOo
YOU WORMS, FEEL THE WRATH OF GOD...
OOH
VWOOOM
TELE PORT'A TION!
IT V- VAN -ISHED !!
GWW M M M
VWOH


GGGOO GOOM GOGOOOM
DUE TO THE DESTRUCTIVE POWER OF THE CYBERNETIC ARMY CREATED FROM THE ESSENCE OF ALL BIOTECHNOLOGY AND CYBER-TECHNOLOGY, ALL MAJOR CITIES OF THE ENTIRE WORLD WERE QUICKLY TRANSFORMED INTO THE HELL OF BURNING AND THE HELL OF UNLIMITED SUFFERING.

THE FURIOUS TORNADO OF THE GREAT DESTRUCTION WOULD CONTINUE UNTIL HUMANITY HAD BEEN ERADICATED.

ZSHAZAAA
SPLASH

400 YEARS PASSED AS EFFORTLESSLY AS ALWAYS...

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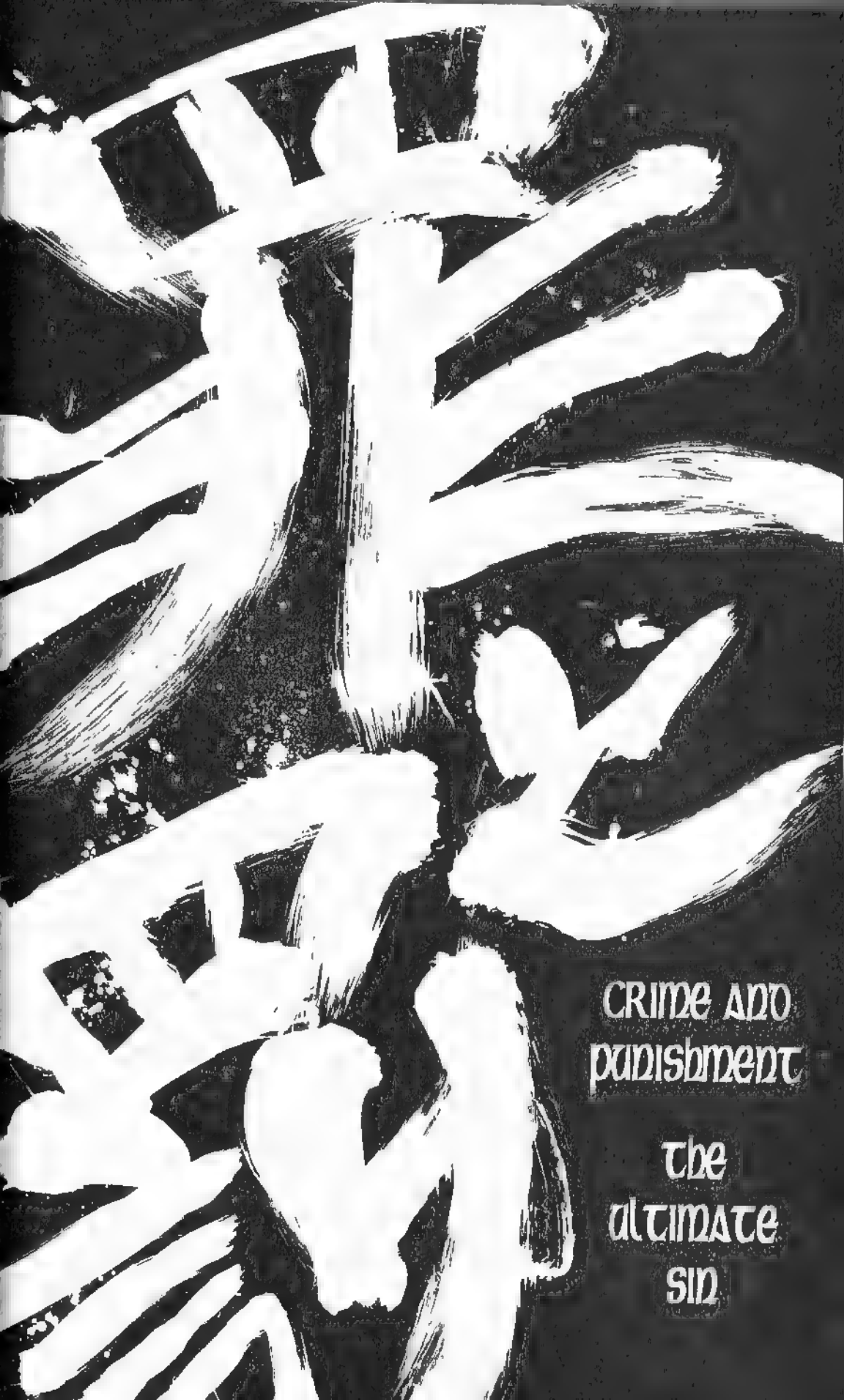

CRIME AND
PUNISHMENT
THE
ULTIMATE
SIN

Crime and punishment
the deciding battle

WHO COULD HAVE IMAGINED YOU WERE TRAPPED IN THE FORM OF A DRAGON CUB...
UNBELIEV-ABLE..!
...LARS.
META-RIKANA'S FIRST PRINCE, LARS UL-META-RIKANA!
IT IS SAID THAT IN THE DEMON WARS 17 YEARS AGO, HE BECAME THE DRAGON KNIGHT TO BATTLE D.S...!

BEFORE IT WAS ABLE TO MELD WITH THE CHOSEN HERO...
THE DRAGON KNIGHT THAT FUSED WITH ME SEVENTEEN YEARS AGO HAS JUST MOMENTS AGO, BY THE HANDS OF ANTHRASAX. DIED!
WHAT ?!
GEO, BABA, SHEILA IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU AFTER SO LONG HOWEVER
NOW ISN'T THE TIME FOR REMINISCENCE.
THAT CAN'T BE TRUE!
TH-THAT CAN'T BE!
AND I AM ABLE TO APPEAR ONCE AGAIN IN HUMAN FORM.
HA BUT THANKS TO THAT, THE CURSE WAS LIFTED.
..PLACED A CURSE ON THE PRINCE, THE CHOSEN HERO"
WHAT THE ULTIMATE MECHANIZED POWER THE HOLY DRAGON KNIGHT
TRUE, THE DRAGON KNIGHT, COMPLEMENTED WITH HUMAN SPIRIT ENERGY, IS POWER UNPARALLELED!
GEO, LISTEN TO ME CAREFULLY

...MIGHT NOT HAVE BEEN OF A TRUE HOLY NATURE.
HOWEVER THAT THING.
WHAT THE HELL ARE YOU SAYING?
WHAT?! WAIT A SEC.. WHAT DO YOU MEAN BY THAT?
WHA..
BACK TO HIS OLD SELF
HUFF HUFF
LARS!
PRINCE
...HAVE NO HOPE REMAINING TO COMBAT THE DEMON GODS...
IN ANY CASE, WE MEN ARE HUMAN BEINGS...

HOW WILL YOU FIGHT NOW, D.S.?!

GGGOOOH
GOGHOO
GOOOH
ZZZ
ZZZ
GWAK
GGGOOO GOOOH
HAAAAH

GG
WO
WO
GU
GOOH
W

WHAT A DISASTER TO PIT D.S DIRECTLY AGAINST ANTHRASAX
NH... THAT ABIGAIL BEING ONE OF THE TEN WISE MEN OF EUROPEA !
HOW DARE HE DO SUCH A THING!
ABIGAIL'S MAGIC CANNOT POSSIBLY DEFEAT ANTHRASAX. THE PURE CRYSTALLIZATION OF SUPREME SCIENTIFIC POWER!
IF D.S. DIES, OUR PROJECT WILL BE A FAILURE!

Uuuu

IT WILL SOON BE REVEALED.
DON'T YOU SEE, NEI? LOOK AT HIM CAREFULLY.
THE PROOF BEHIND THE HYPOTHESIS THAT I HAVE ALONE PURSUED EVEN DISTANCING MYSELF FROM THE TEN WISE MEN
EVEN IF HE STANDS ALONE AGAINST THE DEMONIC MONSTER BORN FOR THE SOLE PURPOSE OF DESTROYING THE EARTH!
D.S. YEARNS FOR THE FIGHT....!
HE'S WANTING THIS.
HE'S WELCOMING THIS BATTLE.
MAYBE D.S., JUST LIKE THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION...
SA!S!
...IS A BEING BORN NOT FROM A MOTHER
AND ONLY FOR THE SAKE OF FIGHTING.
SHUFFLE
PERHAPS IT'S NOT FOR THE SAKE OF THE WORLD, OR EVEN LOVE...
BECAUSE D... BORN WITH A... ROOTED IN... FOR BA... HE CAN'T... HIMSELF FR... SATISFACT... SHOWDOWN!

A BASTARD THE DARKNESS HAD BORNE...

IT'S DEAD, D.S.!
YOU'RE TOO LATE...
ZLSH
GONE IS THE FINAL HOPE OF YOU WORMS.
SNAP
BUCH
BUCH
THE ARMOR OF THE SAVIOR, THE DRAGON KNIGHT, HAS PERISHED!

TOO BAD, D.S.! HAHA-HAHA-HA!
KRAAAH!
NNNH... HEHE-HEHE.
IT WOULDN'T STAND A CHANCE IF ATTACKED BEFORE IT HAD A SOUL TO ANIMATE IT...
EVEN IF IT WAS THE EXALTED WEAPON WITH INVINCIBLE BODY ARMOR

EVERYONE WILL DIE! REVEL IN ITS ELEGANT SIMPLICITY. ARE YOU CRAZY WITH FEAR? NNNHEHEHE.
THIS IS THE END OF EVERY-THING...
HAAA!
WHAT ?!
WHAT ABOUT YOU, MONSTER? YOU WERE PISSING YOURSELF IN FEAR OF THIS PILE OF JUNK?!
PFFFT.
HEE HEE HEE
THE HANDSOME HERO WASN'T COUNTING ON THAT PILE OF CRAP FOR NOTHING!
DON'T WORRY, YOU FETID BALL OF SPHINX SHIT!
YOU PUNY LITTLE BUG...
COME ON! I'LL KILL YOU! COME GET SOME!

DIE!

GWAAOOM

IN THIS LATE HOUR, YOU CANNOT CHANGE GOD'S DIVINE PROVIDENCE!

GIWORSH

VWEEEEH

NO MATTER HOW YOU PATHETIC HUMANS RESIST...

ZBOOM

DIE! DIE!

GRAAAAH

DO NOT FEAR THE REAPER!

PWK

VWOH

HEH.

↑ INSTANT TELEPORTATION!

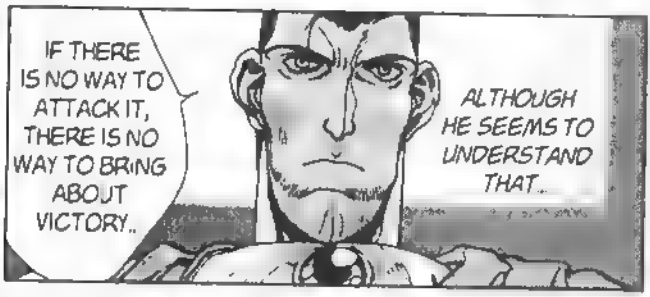
WSH!
GRR
BOOM
LIKE I GIVE A SHIT ABOUT WHAT A GOD WANTS!
HAHA HA...

YAHOO!
HA HA HA HA HA!
...
NONE OF ANTHRASAX'S ATTACKS ARE HITTING HIM! YAHOO!
WHOA! AMAZING THAT IDIOT HAS SOME MOVES!

WHOOH
HE'S PLAYING ...
WHAT ABOUT D.S.'S ECSTATIC FACE, HUH...?
I HADN'T REALIZED.. THAT D.S.'S POWERS HAD INCREASED THIS MUCH..
B... BUT...
GWOOH
AAA HA HA HA HAA!
WHOOH

A MYRIAD OF ATTACKS ARE MOST LIKELY USELESS AGAINST THIS MONSTER WHO NULLIFIED THE FIREPOWER OF THE ARC BY BENDING SPACE.
I SEE IT AS WELL. THE UNFATHOMABLE DESTRUCTIVE POWERS OF ANTHRASAX EXCEED THAT OF D.S.S.

LUCIEN...


IF THERE IS NO WAY TO ATTACK IT, THERE IS NO WAY TO BRING ABOUT VICTORY..
ALTHOUGH HE SEEMS TO UNDERSTAND THAT..

OHOOOH
KKKKKK WHAT'S THE MATTER? JUST RUNNING AWAY DOESN'T COUNT AS A FIGHT, D.S.!
KA-BOOM
MAHAHAHA! YOU SQUASH LIKE AN INSIGNIFICANT FLY!
DM DM DM DM DM
WOH
THIS FUCKWAD IS GETTING COCKY JUST CAUSE HE'S THE WORLD'S BIGGEST BALL OF SHIT!
GNA

The Law of Marshall Super Lava Fire Blast!
GWOH
GWOMOMOM
WHOOSH
AH, YOU ARE CORRECT, D.S.! HAHAHAHAHA, DIDN'T I TELL YOU? THE MERE POWER OF A HUMAN...
...CANNOT DEFEAT ME, A GOD!
JUST AS I THOUGHT... IT'S COATED WITH AN AIR OF DISTORTION.
Z SHAA

VWOAH!
OHOH
BLAM
GGRRKBOOM

...THAT YOU ARE SURE! MISTAKE!
!!
HA!
VWN
VEEEEE

WAAH

DGOH

JYAA-AAAH!

BWH!

WHAT ?!

GYAAAAH

DM
DM
DM
DM
DM
A MASSIVE COLLISION OF TWO BATTLE AURAS?!
GROOOOH
WH.. WHAT WAS THAT?!
WHAAAAGH!
THE FINAL BATTLE...!
IT'S ALREADY STARTED!

ISHA!
DAMMIT! WE CAN'T BE PUTZING AROUND IN A PLACE LIKE THIS!
WE MUST GO TO D.S. AS SOON AS POSSIBLE!
DARK SCHNEIDER
WE MUST BECOME A SHIELD FOR HIM AND FIGHT AGAINST THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION.
HUFF... HUFF...
SCHEN.
VAI.
YORG.
KAI... AND YOU TWO SORCERER SHOGUN, LISTEN TO ME.
YOU SAMURAI!
DHOOM
ZVSH

ZD
M
OO
GROAAH
THIS BATTLE WILL MOST LIKELY BE OUR LAST...
IN ORDER FOR HUMANITY TO BE ABLE TO CONTINUE LIVING ON THIS EARTH, WE MUST WIN NO MATTER THE COSTS.
I BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD PLACE...
...OUR POWER AND THE HOPE OF ALL HUMANITY IN HIS HANDS.
GWOOOOOL
T CAN'T BE DEFEATED USING ANY NATURAL METHOD..
HOWEVER, THE DARK GOD OF DESTRUCTION, ANTHRASAX.. WHO EVEN NEGATED THE POWERS OF THE TEN WISE MEN...
WE CAN'T FIGHT DIVIDED!

JOSHUA.
!
WE CAN PROTECT D.S.!
BY BINDING ALL OF OUR SPIRITS TOGETHER
TRUST YOUR LIVES TO THIS HOPE!

GOAAAAA
LET'S GO!
LEAD
YEAH!
DEASH!
HEHE HEHE.. I KNEW IT!

BECAUSE WHEN YOU ATTACK, YOU NEED A *HOLE*, RIGHT!
D-S
KHAAAA

WHY YOU ...!
YOU'RE NOT REALLY ALL THAT, HUH!
SNAH!!

I'M NOT HOLDING BACK!
GROAH
I'M NOT GIVING YOU TIME TO REGEN-ERATE!

Animals Housing the Mean Machine of our Faceless World Udo Ari Setobus...!
VWOOOOSH
BAM
...cursing your long gone blood and flesh and bone, come forth now and chant!
Those bound to my flesh... Those who cry out...
VWSHHH
Udo Demon Gods of Violent Power, Three Faces!
GRRRRRH
GRAAH
MOUTHS... ON D.S.'S SHOULDERS AND ABDOMEN...!
OOOH! LOOK!
...ARE THE CHANTERS!
TH... THOSE...

SEE! ALL OF THEM HAVE HAD THEIR EYES CLOSED BY A MAGICAL RITUAL, THEIR MAGICAL POWERS SEALED.
WHAT ... WHAT ... THAT ...
THOSE THREE HEADS ARE FROM THE DEMON GODS AND DJINN THAT [illegible] HAS DEFEATED IN THE PAST. HE ASSIMILATED THEIR POWER AS HIS OWN.
HE IS ABLE TO CAST A MAXIMUM OF FOUR ELITE SPELLS AT THE SAME TIME!
BY USING THOSE THREE MOUTHS...
A LONG TIME AGO.. I'VE SEEN IT JUST ONCE.
NO WAY! THAT'S IMPOSSIBLE!
WHAT?! C...CAN SOMETHING LIKE THAT REALLY ...
N... NOT ONLY THAT...
THE SPELLS THAT HE'S CASTING RIGHT NOW...
THEY ARE OUR SPELLS ...!
...FAR EXCEEDING OUR MORTAL CONCEPTION OF MAGIC...
TH... THIS ... TRUE ...

MMH?! THAT IS MY...!

WHAT ?!

VNOON

Entrrr' Thorns of Death! Welcome Entangle!

GRAAM

Blind Guardian Execution Thorns of Hell!

GWROAH

GHOHAAH

TAKE THIS! FOUR LAYER SPELL OF DEATH!

VWAAA

THSH THSH
OH! A CAGE OF THORNS ...!
GRAAAAH!
VSH VSH
WHA-AAAT ?!
Bind together the powers of fire and snow in a frigid union.
WOOOSH
By the fateful convergence of unholy might, I clad my body in an icy tempest of death!
GWOOOH

OOOH!
TH... THAT SPELL IS KALL-SU'S...
THAT'S AN EXTREME HIGH-CLASS ICE SPELL.
IMPOSSIBLE
GRAAAH!
Absolute Zero Annihilation TESTA MENT!

IMPOSSIBLE... YOU... A HUMAN... A HUMAN BEING...

...COULD NEVER HAVE SUCH POWER!

CRACK BAM

DM!

CRACK

WHAB

DARK SCHNEIDER... WHAT ARE YOU...?!

GWH

GWH

NRAGH

BOOM

IT CAN'T BE - THE EXTREMELY POWERFUL TOP-LEVEL ELECTRICAL SPELL THAT EVEN I HADN'T YET PERFECTED!
GASP
THAT'S NEI'S...!
Blast of Heaven upon the altar. Blood of spirits, be our Saber rune down the lightning.
BRZZAP!
DZZLLZZ
KERKA
TESLA!
NO
H!

BOOM
KRK
BZZT
KRK
SKLAD
DM

GWOOOOH!
KWOOOH
VWAH!

D
M
VWOOSH
OH
HEHEHE. I WASN'T RUNNING AROUND TRYING TO ESCAPE.
UWOH
HAAHAHA
WITH THAT KIND OF DAMAGE
COULDN'T
POSSIBLY
PUT UP A
DIMENSION
SHIELD
IT'S SO GREAT, YOU'RE GONNA DIE!
WAAAH
NOW I'LL SHOW YOU THE TRICK THAT I'VE SAVED FOR A FINAL MOMENT LIKE THIS!
GIO
Gran Rene Hall Falford!
AH

DOOO
DON'T DO IT! AN ATTACK SPELL THAT REQUIRES SUCH AN ENORMOUS MAGIC CIRCLE
INCREDIBLE... SO HE WAS ACTUALLY DRAWING THIS WHILE PRETENDING TO ESCAPE!
GULP
A MULTI-DIMENSIONAL LAYERED MAGIC CIRCLE!
A MAGIC CIRCLE!
GROOM
...MIGHT BLAST AWAY THE ARC ITSELF!
BOOM

GBWA!
GKROAR
CACKLE AND BRAY YOUR UTTER AGONY AND HATRED!
NOW, MY SLAVES, MY FOUR GIANT DEMONS!
GGOOO

KA-BVM
CHK
BU
CH
TRAGL-
TRAGL-
DJBOM
TREMBLE-
TREMBLE-
EGH!
VWSHK
RAAGH!
VWPSH
BWAH!
RZZP!
TWAAGH!
WOO
OM

STOP...!
O... OOOH!
AAAAAH!
WHAT MAKES YOU CONTENT TO TREAT A GOD WITH SUCH RECKLESS DISRESPECT?
WH... WHY YOU... PUNY WORMS THAT YOU ARE...
YOUR PROFANE ACT WON'T GO UNPUNISHED ...!

STOP!
AAH... PAIN...
YOU FOOLS! THE EXTINCTION OF YOUR HUMANITY IS SOMETHING DECIDED OVER 400 YEARS AGO! DOES THE TRUTH STILL ELUDE YOU? YOU FOOLS!
S-T-O-P.
SHUDDUP! JUST BECAUSE YOU SHITHEADS MADE A PLAN DOESN'T MEAN WE'LL GLEEFULLY ACCEPT EXTINCTION AND GO QUIETLY, NOW DOES IT?

DIE!
WITH THE ULTIMATE POWERS OF DARKNESS...
THIS WORLD IS MY PLAYGROUND, YOU SACK OF SHIT. GO BACK TO HELL!
GWOOH!

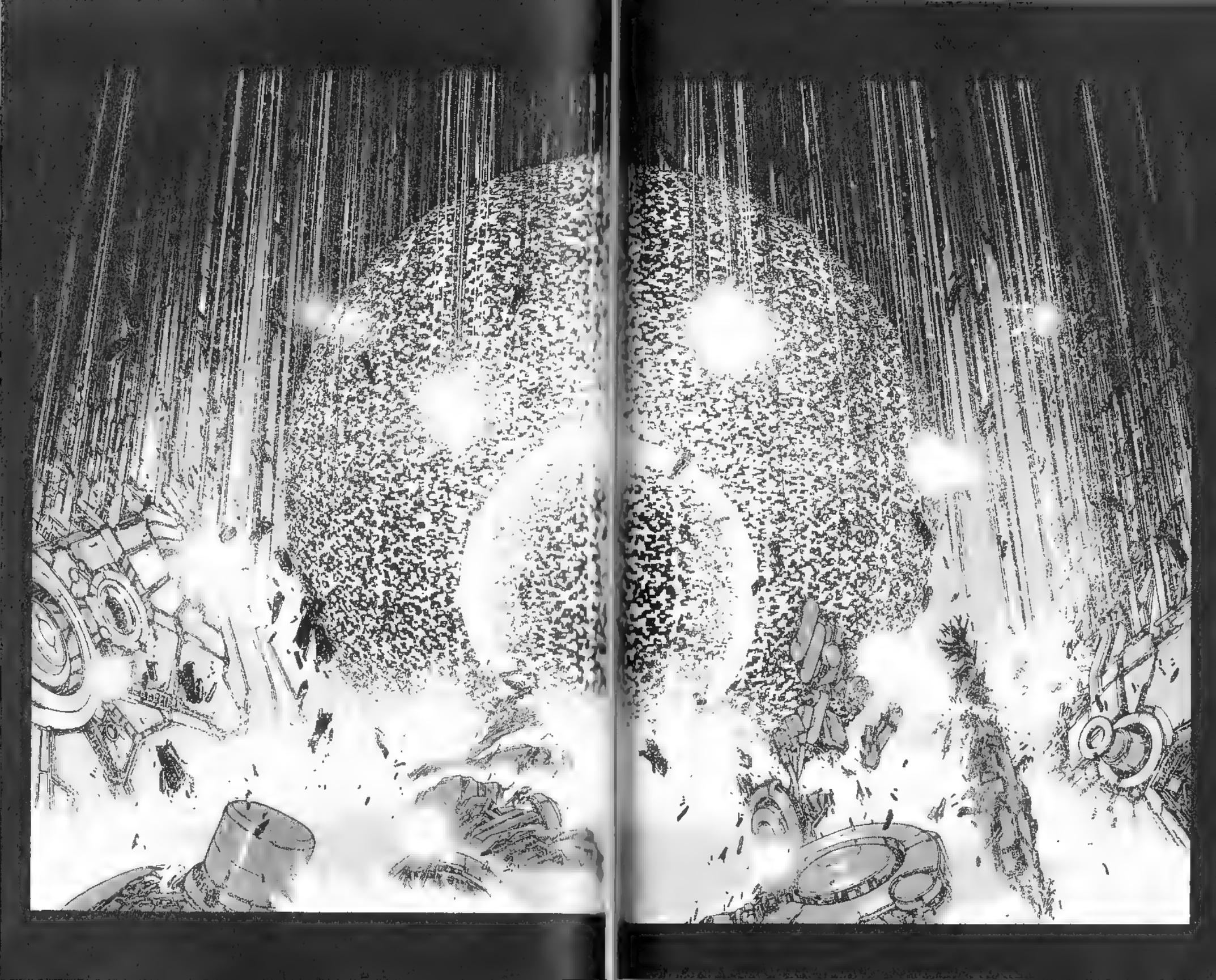
DOOM
Jude the Priest!
Rise of Mega Atomic Destruction!

GLKYOOM!

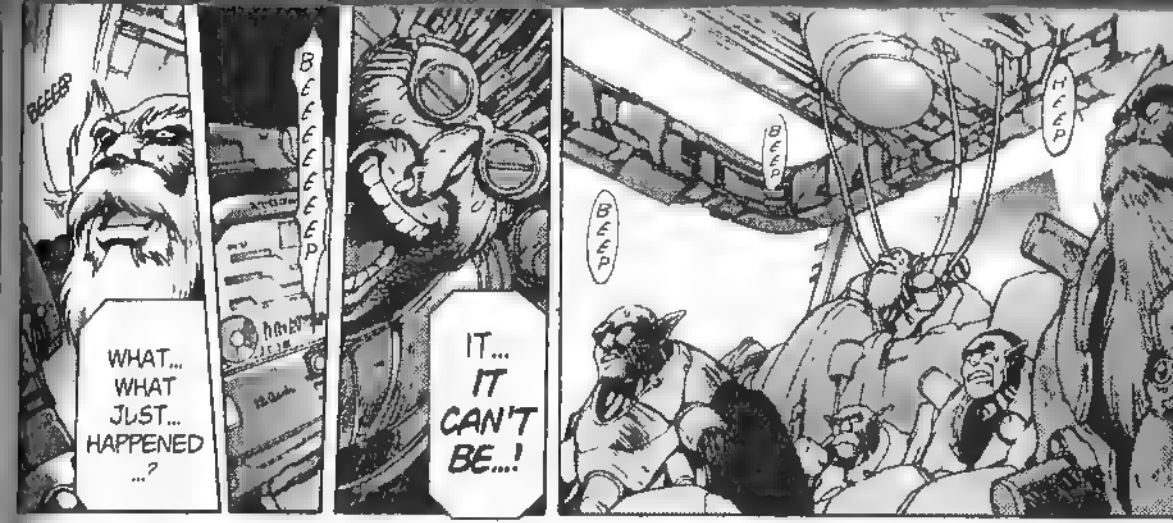
GLKYOOOM!!

GAAAAAH!
GAA AAA AH!
OOOOOOH!

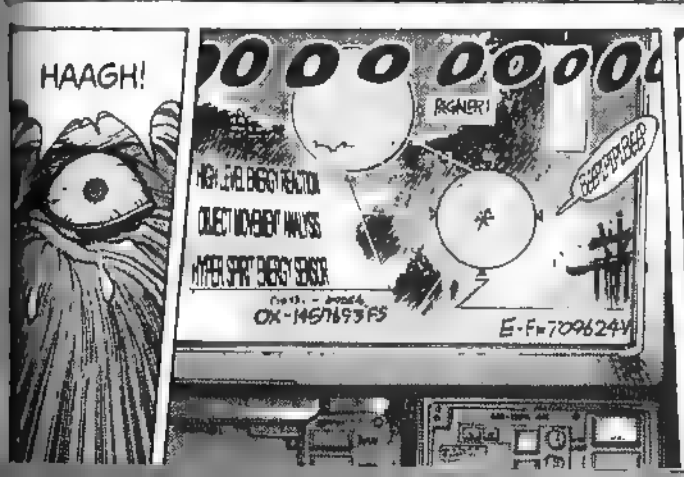
COME ON,
DIE!
AAA
HAHA
HAHA
HA!
GOD!
DIE!
DIE!
LLAAAHHH



KABOOH!
UGGA
UN... OOOH!
AAAH
GAH!
UUU-BOOK
WAAAGH ?!
GSH!
UNBELIEVABLE! DARK SCHNEIDER.. WHO COULD HAVE IMAGINED THAT HE WOULD OVERCOME ANTHRASAX!
HE DID IT...!
GG-K GG
HE
KA


BEEEP
BEEEEEEEEP
WHAT... WHAT JUST... HAPPENED ...?
IT... IT CAN'T BE...!
BEEP
BEEP
HEEP

HE IS DEAD!
AFTER HIS ASSAULT... D.S....


HAAGH!
BEEEEEEEEP
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THEY... TOOK EACH OTHER OUT.

WH... WHAT THE HECK IS THAT...!
WROM
WROM
WROM
WROM
OSH

WHOSH
Regent Gentle Descent!
GRAB
EEEK
WHIP
AH... THANKS MR. ABIGAIL. YOU SAVED MY LIFE. ♡
WHEW THAT WAS CLOSE.
YOU ARE VERY WELCOME, MISS YOUNG LADY.

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WOOT

Jude the Priest! Rise of Mega Atomic Destruction!

GO BACK TO HELL!

WITH THE ULTIMATE POWERS OF DARKNESS... DIE!

GRAAH

I'M NOT REALLY THE TYPE TO BELIEVE IN THIS SORT OF THING BUT, IT'S NICE I GUESS FROM TIME TO TIME.

MY SUMMER VACATION

- CICADAS, BIRDS, FROGS, DRAGONFLIES, AND BUTTERFLIES.
- FOUR HURRICANES IN A ROW.
- 30 DAYS OF NO SMOKING AND NO DRINKING.
- INCREASED NUMBER OF FRIENDS.
- HAD SOME PORK BUNS.
- FURIOUSLY READ THROUGH ALL THE NOVELS I'D BEEN COLLECTING. (FINALLY EVEN READ .OOOSS.)
- REALLY GOT PASSIONATE ABOUT CAPTAIN TSUBASA (OLD SOCCER COMIC). (I'D NEVER READ IT BEFORE, IDIOT.)
- REALLY PASSIONATE ABOUT MISAKI. (IT WAS AT THE LIBRARY)
- GOT A TAN. (THIS WAS ACTUALLY AGAINST THE RULES BUT GOT TAN ANYWAY WHEN WENT OUT WANDERING)
- SENT OUT THE WORK FOR VJ... U
- I GOT THE NAMES DONE, SERIOUSLY.
- STARTED TO SPEAK WITH A KANSAI ACCENT.
- THE SKY IS SO HUGE, VERY HUGE.
- MY PHYSICAL CONDITION IS PRETTY GOOD NOW. (BACK TO NORMAL)

SIGH.

AND MUCH MORE.

OOOOOKAY, NOW I'M READY TO WORK!

HEHE. HAD HER ASK FOR ME

TO THE WIFE OF SUBARU SHUZAKI SENSEI. THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR THE T-SHIRT. I CONSIDER IT A FAMILY TREASURE.

RAPID FIRE 4-PANEL CHAT

BGM: NHK NEWS

THE ENDLESS DAYS AND SLEEPLESS NIGHTS!

BY STARVING-THROUGH-THE-SUMMER HAGIWARA

MEMEMEMEE MIJEEE MIJEEE MIJEEE

AFTER A FOUR YEAR ABSENCE, I, HAGIWARA, WENT BACK TO THE DIET TRAINING CAMP ON AWAJI ISLAND.

FOR 30 DAYS IN THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER, NEAR THE MOUNTAINS AND THE SEA, WHILE LISTENING TO THE CICADAS, I QUIETLY ENDURED THE TREATMENT.

NO SMOKING

WELL, MY PHYSICAL CONDITION WASN'T SO HOT, SO...

I FAINTED WHEN WE WERE DOING THE NOVEL.

SO IT TURNED INTO A FUN SUMMER BREAK AFTER ALL.

OH...UM, SOMEWHERE YOU CAN'T SEE

WHERE DO YOU NEED TO SLIM DOWN?

OR THAT WAS SUPPOSED TO BE THE PLAN, BUT SINCE IT WAS THE MIDDLE OF SUMMER THERE WERE THESE HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS ALL OVER THE PLACE.

BUT STARVING

AND WHEN ALL WAS SAID AND DONE, I WAS LEFT WITH A MOUNTAIN OF HOMEWORK AND REWRITES FOR THE NOVELS.

I GOT CAUGHT UP IN THE EXCITEMENT AND I WAS DRAWING LEFT AND RIGHT (PRACTICALLY A TOURIST ATTRACTION).

A RECORD BREAKING NUMBER OF SHEETS, IT WAS. WHAT AN IDIOT.

KANSAI DIALECT

NEARBY BASEBALL FIELD

HUGE!

HEY, YOU HAD T EASY, LUCKY BASTARD. GJARDRESS FOR VJ WAS HELL, YOU HEAR ME! (EDITOR - TOSHI TAKAHASH. & AKAHORI)

HEHE ♥

HOW PATHETIC
...
WHAT

I SAID, HOW PATHETIC...
TRUE, YOUR POWERS FAR SURPASS THOSE OF ANY HUMAN.
HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT OF ENERGY YOU EXPEND IS MEANINGLESS, SINCE YOUR POWER IS STILL BORNE OF DARKNESS.
GWAOH!
MAGICAL POWERS ROOTED IN EVIL CANNOT DEFEAT A GOD...!
BZZAP
GWOOO

WH...
WHAT...

AAAAH!
SHIT!
GWOOH
THE DEMONIC SPIRIT WHO TURNED ITS BACK ON THIS NATURAL WORLD THAT GOD CREATED, YOU ARE THE ONE
MANIFESTATION OF THE DEVIL, BORN ONLY TO FIGHT
..ISN'T THE POWER OF DARKNESS!
M..MY POWER..
...WHO SHOULD RETURN TO HELL
LBO
OOO

DARK SCHNEIDER
LUCIEN, STOP THAT!
YAY!
I HATE YOU!
GIVE ME BACK MY LUCIEN!
MY MEMORIES OF HER ARE FLASHING BEFORE ME..
GAAH.. SHIT... NOT LIKE THIS...

IS HE REALLY YOUR LOVER?!
HE'S JUST A FRIEND! THAT'S ALL!
YOU'VE GOT TO BE JOKING! SUCH A-A-A-A LEWD, LECHEROUS, VULGAR, VIOLENT ARROGANT BOTTOM FEEDER KIND OF GUY!
GSHH NN
SO THAT'S ALL I AM
...

AHA
THE GREAT MAGICAL KING, D.S., POSSESSOR OF CREATION'S GREATEST MIND! POWER AND BEAUTY! ALL ROLLED INTO ONE!
HA HA HA
WHAT DO YOU TAKE ME FOR, EH?!
GEEZ! YOU ARE THE MOST PITIFUL, SORRY IDIOT!
GROAR
JUST AN IDIOT!
SHEESH..
EEEK! AAAAH! I GET IT!
HATE YOU SO SO SO MUCH!
HATE YOU!
HATE YOU!
WHK WHK
WHK

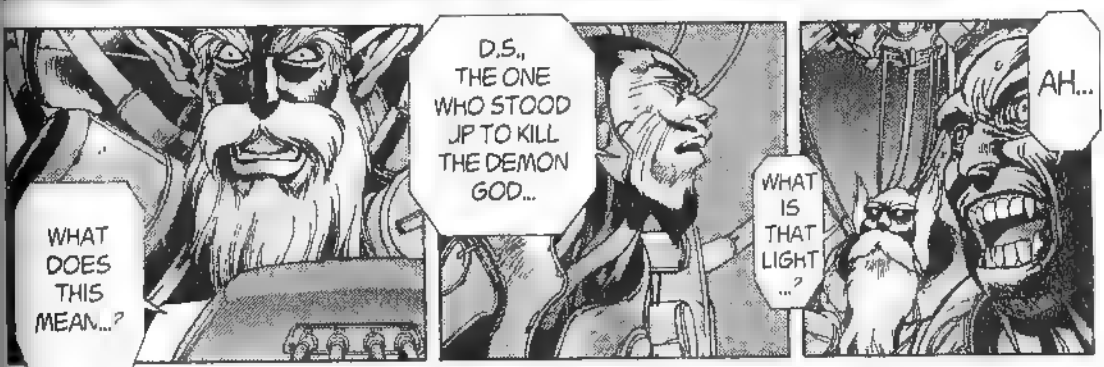
YOU'RE PROBABLY THE ONLY ONE...
YOU THINK SO LITTLE OF ME.
IN THE ENTIRE UNIVERSE.
LUCIEN!

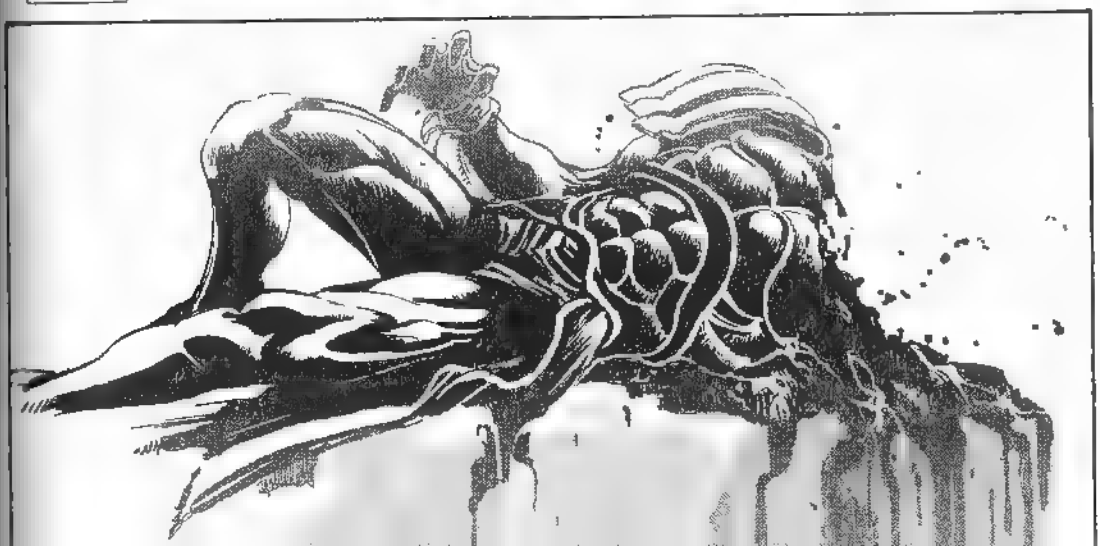
MISS YOKO...

ZZZNNNGH!
BZZAP
ZRAAAAGH!
GWOOO
THE SEAL OF THE DIMENSIONAL IMPRISONMENT CREATED BY GOD THROUGH THE POWER OF LIGHT CAN NEVER BE TORN ASUNDER
NO MATTER HOW POWERFUL THE MAGIC THAT YOU TOSS ABOUT MIGHT BE
FLASH!
AH!
AH!
NO WAY...! HOW COULD YOU...!
BZZZAP
VPSH!
IT'S NO U[illegible] D[illegible]!

DARKNESS CAN NEVER WIN AGAINST THE LIGHT!
YOU, MOST LIKELY, WILL NEVER RETURN TO THIS WORLD...
...EVER AGAIN.
GRADA

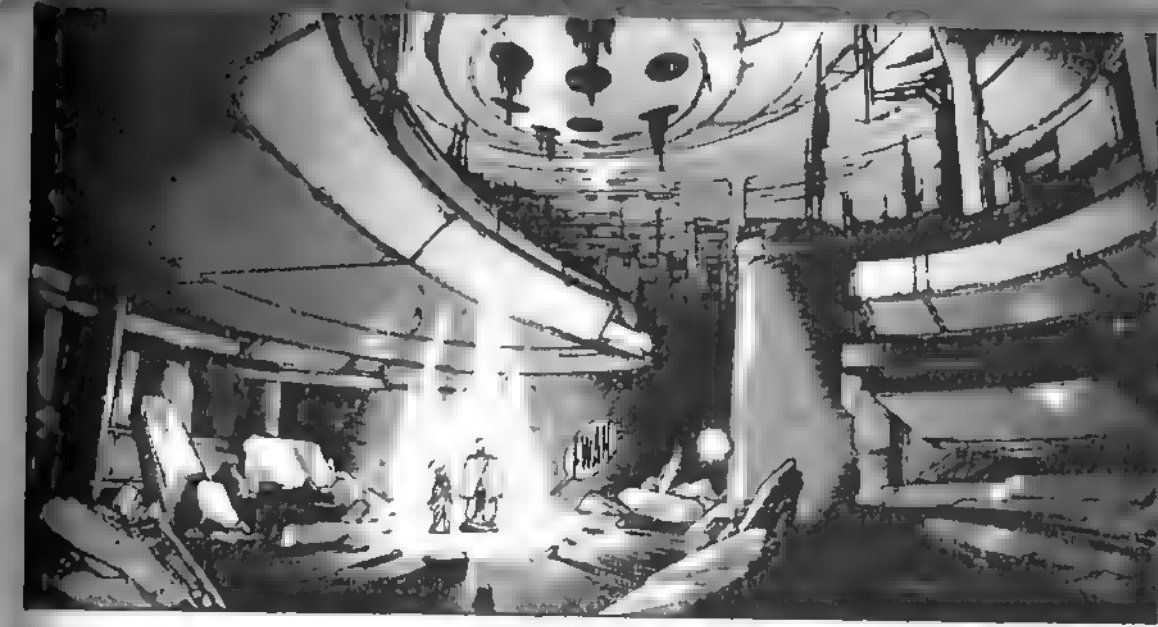
GWOM
GWOM
GWOM
GWOM


WHAT DOES THIS MEAN...?
D.S., THE ONE WHO STOOD UP TO KILL THE DEMON GOD...
WHAT IS THAT LIGHT ...?
AH...



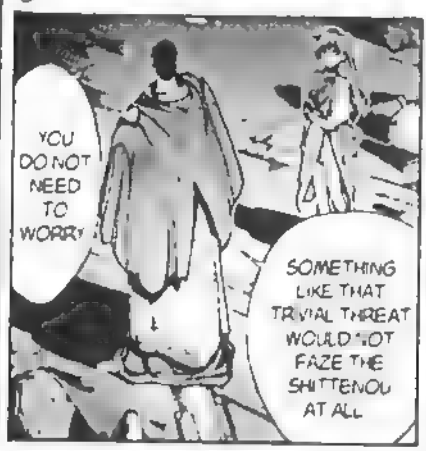
ABI
WH.. WHAT WAS THAT ..?
OOOO
JOLT
OH...
ZING
AH!
N-NO, I'M FINE...
REALLY
WHAT WAS THAT SENSATION JUST NOW..." COULD SOMETHING HAVE HAPPENED TO LUCIEN."
IS SOMETHING THE MATTER?

WE HAVE FALLEN A GREAT DEAL.. BUT WE SHOULD NEAR THE BOTTOM SOON, MY LADY.
PLEASE CALL ME ABI LIKE ALWAYS.
I NEVER HAVE.
HUH? ...OH, YES, OLD WISE MAN.
TUG
I BECAME ONE OF THE ELVES, WHO HAVE A MUCH LONGER LIFE SPAN THAN HUMANS.
BUT MY THINKING DID NOT MATCH UP...
WITH THE SENTIMENTS OF THE OTHER NINE.
IT HAS BEEN OVER 200 YEARS SINCE I PARTED WAYS
WITH THE TEN WISE MEN OF EUROPEA
200 YEARS...



YOU'RE RIGHT
MORE IMPORTANTLY, WE SHOULD TRY TO FIND A WAY BACK UP

THIS IS THE LOWEST PORTION OF THE ARC... I INSTINCTIVELY INCANTED THE GENTLE DESCENT, BUT SINCE WE WERE JUST DESCENDING...
HMM
WHAT IS THIS PLACE...?


YOU DO NOT NEED TO WORRY
SOMETHING LIKE THAT TRIVIAL THREAT WOULD NOT FAZE THE SHITTENOU AT ALL

I HOPE GARA, KALLNE AND THE OTHERS ARE ALL RIGHT...

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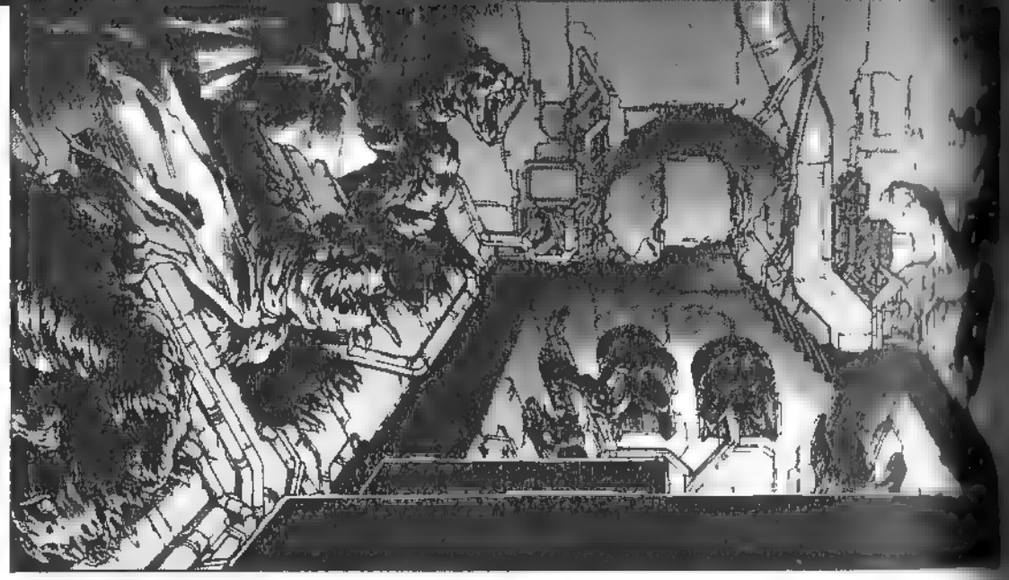
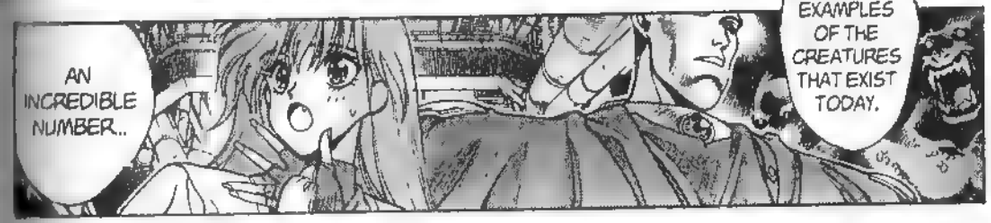
B..
BEHIND
YOU..!
MWOOOH
WH..'
WHAAT
?!
WHAT...?!

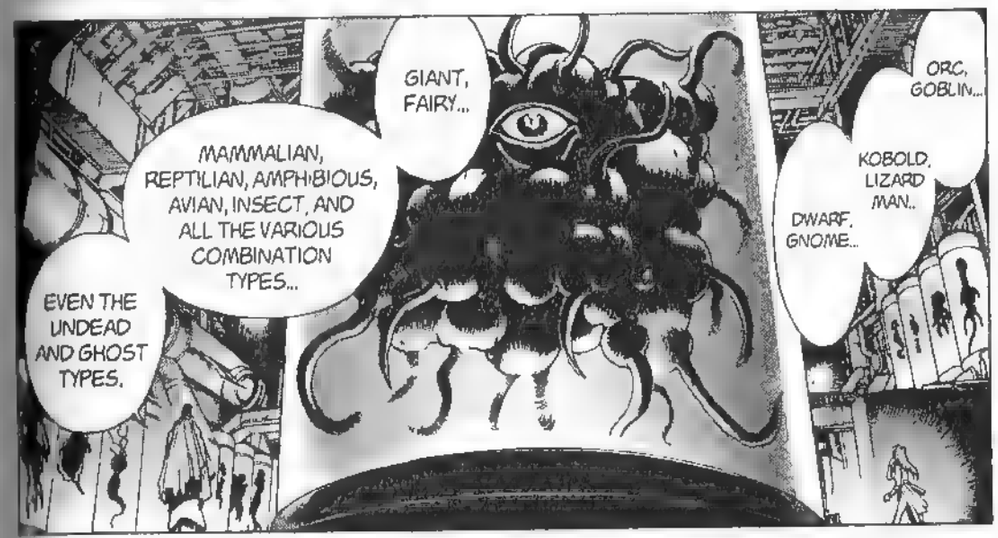


KEH CRUMBLE KEH

DRAGONS... EVEN DRAGONS..

MY BEAUTIFUL YOUNG LADY, HAVE YOU NEVER WONDERED?


AN INCREDIBLE NUMBER..
THESE ARE EXAMPLES OF THE CREATURES THAT EXIST TODAY.


EVEN THE UNDEAD AND GHOST TYPES.
MAMMALIAN, REPTILIAN, AMPHIBIOUS, AVIAN, INSECT, AND ALL THE VARIOUS COMBINATION TYPES...
GIANT, FAIRY...
ORC, GOBLIN...
KOBOLD, LIZARD MAN..
DWARF, GNOME...

THIS REALLY IS THE ARC OF ANCIENT LEGENDS ISN'T IT?
WOW.

IN THIS PLACE EVERY SINGLE LIVING AND PSEUDO LIVING THING THAT CURRENTLY INHABITS THE FACE OF THIS EARTH IS COLLECTED
OF COURSE THERE ARE ALSO PLANTS AND BACTERIA..

ACCORDING TO LEGEND
THIS WORLD OF OURS HAD A PAST LIFE, OVER 400 YEARS AGO.
I HAVE HEARD THAT IT WAS A RELATIVELY CALM WORLD, VERY DIFFERENT FROM WHAT WE KNOW NOW.
THERE EXISTED IN A MYRIAD OF LOCATIONS ABOUT THE GLOBE, GIGANTIC CITIES OVERFLOWING WITH A VARIETY OF HUMAN BEINGS.
IT IS SAID THAT THERE WERE MANY COUNTRIES OF ENORMOUS SIZE. SEVERAL THOUSAND TIMES THAT OF CURRENT COUNTRIES.
IT SOUNDS LIKE A MORE PEACEFUL TIME.
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DUE TO CIVILIZATION'S EXTREMELY RAPID DEVELOPMENT, EARTH'S ENVIRONMENT SUFFERED...
AND IT TOOK A DRAMATIC TURN FOR THE WORSE...
WAS IT THOUGH? HOW WAS IT FOR THE HEAVENLY BODY WE CALL EARTH...?

WHAT'S THE CONNEC-TION?
BETWEEN THAT TIME AND THIS MORBID MUSEUM...
MEANINGLESS BATTLES CONTINUED POINTLESSLY.
THEY SEEMED TO BE HASTENING THEIR OWN DEMISE.
EVEN IN THE WATER, WHERE GRAVITY HAS LESS OF AN INFLUENCE, ANIMALS RARELY WERE BIGGER THAN 100 FEET IN LENGTH.
UPON THE OLD EARTH, EVEN THE BIGGEST OF LAND ANIMALS RARELY EXCEEDED 50 TO 60 FEET
SUPERIOR CREATURES SUCH AS THIS DRAGON, GIGANTIC IN SIZE WITH AN INTELLIGENCE BEYOND THAT OF A HUMAN...
...NEVER BEFORE EXISTED.

...ALL THE CREATURES IN THIS EXHIBIT...
OF COURSE DEMI-HUMANS SUCH AS ELVES DID NOT EXIST EITHER.
elf
...IN ACTU-ALITY...
...DID NOT EXIST, NOT A SINGLE ONE, BEFORE THE GREAT DESTRUCTION OVER 400 YEARS AGO.
IN ADDITION ..
WITH THE EXCEPTION OF HUMANS AND SOME BACTERIAL MICROBES... NONE OF THE CREATURES THAT EXISTED PRIOR TO THE GREAT DESTRUCTION...
...NOT A SINGLE ONE CONTINUES TO EXIST!
UUUH, THIS IS JUMBO MAR. NO GOOD
OOK OOK EEK EEK
OOOF OOOF!

ABI (6FT) AND HIS OLD WORLD CREATURE FRIENDS.

THE CIVILIZATION OF THE ANCIENT WORLD OVER-EXTENDED
CAUSING THE DETERI-ORATION OF THE EARTH'S ECO-SYSTEM...
THE ENTIRE EARTH BURNED...
THE GREAT DESTRUCTION BY THE HORDE OF DEMONIC GODS OCCURRED
AND HUMANS WERE SOMEHOW ABLE TO SURVIVE BY OBTAINING MAGIC, RIGHT?
WHO KNOWS?
BECAUSE OF THOSE MASSIVE SHIFTS, THE LIVING CREATURES FROM THE OLD WORLD BEGAN TO CHANGE PHYSICALLY.
UMM ...
CONCERN... THIS MASS... SWITCH IN THE NATURAL ECOSYSTEM
DO YOU HAVE ANY THOUGHTS ON THE MATTER?
WELL... YOU HAVE A POINT..
HMM
HODGEPODGE CREATURE
400 YEARS, JUST A SLIGHT BLINK OF THE EYE COMPARED TO THE ENTIRE HISTORY OF THIS EARTH... IN JUST THAT SPAN OF TIME...
AH... SIGH
COULD LIVING THINGS REALLY HAVE CHANGED THIS MUCH...?
JUST WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO SAY?!
AAGH!

WOW

WHAT IF THIS WAS A WORLD THAT SOMEONE HAD DESIGNED 400 YEARS AGO?

WHAT IF... THIS WORLD THAT WE KNOW AND INHABIT RIGHT NOW...

WH-WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
OOOOOOO
...OF JUST A HANDFUL OF HUMANS?
AND FURTHERMORE... WHAT IF IT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH THE UNRESTRAINED ZEAL...
IS SOMETHING THAT GOD CREATED!
THIS WORLD... OUR WORLD, INCLUDING ALL HUMANS...
AND YOU'RE TELLING ME...
BWSH
NO! THAT COULD NEVER BE POSSIBLE!
GRR GSH
THAT CAN'T BE...
...COULDN'T IT?

GWOM
GWOM
GWOM
SOME HUMANS RECONSTRUCTED EVERYTHING BY THEIR OWN AGENDA?!
THAT... THAT ...!
AH YES, THAT'S RIGHT. YOU AND I ARE BOTH CLERICS AREN'T WE...
IT'S NATURAL, OF COURSE, FOR YOU TO THINK THAT WAY.
THAT COULD NEVER BE ALLOWED!
HOWEVER, BEFORE THAT, I SERVED A DIFFERENT GOD...
ALTHOUGH MY GOD'S THE GOD OF DARKNESS.
AND YES, I, TOO, AFTER LEAVING THE TEN WISE MEN, BECAME A CLERIC.
THIS MAGIC OF THE ANCIENT WORLD THAT ALL OF YOU SPEAK OF.
REFERS TO THIS SCIENCE.
...
SCIENCE
A GOD BY THE NAME OF SCIENCE.

TRAMBLE TRAMBLE

HUFF HUFF

INDEED, THAT FORM EMERGING BEFORE US IS SOMETHING THAT CRAZED SCIENCE AND HUMAN ARROGANCE HAS BECKONED FORTH...

GIIAH

THE TRUE FORM OF THE *MESSENGER* SENT WITH PREJUDICE TO EXTERMINATE ALL OF HUMANITY.

GM GM GM GM

THE FINAL TRANSFORMATION.

PWAH

VWN

!!

LLLWR

THE MANIFESTATION OF GOD'S RAGE!

OOO

AH!

GWOOG

LUCIEN?!

WHAT ...?

ZZAP!

SO IT HAS BEGUN...

CALICE-CALICE

GAZE UPON THIS CAREFULLY.

WE ARE ABOUT TO WITNESS THE TRUE FORM OF THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION, ANTHRASAX

THE MOMENT OF PURE TERROR AND DESPAIR..

WH- WHAT DO YOU MEAN?
Oooooooo
...OF JUST A HANDFUL OF HUMANS?
AND FURTHERMORE.. WHAT IF IT WAS BROUGHT ABOUT THROUGH THE UNRESTRAINED ZEAL...
THIS WORLD.. OUR WORLD. INCLUDING ALL HUMANS..
IS SOMETHING THAT GOD CREATED!
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..COULDN'T IT?

FWOOO OOOOH
BOTH OF YOU, LOOK UP, IN THE SKY
FLUTTER FLUTTER
FWAP FWAP
HEY MAC ALPINE
BA HORY
WHAT'S THE MATTER, SHELLA?

THE VISION OF THE BRIGHT LIGHTS OF MANY SOULS BEING CRUSHED DISAPPEARING
THIS HOPELESS SENSE OF UNEASE AND FORE BODING...
MASTER KALL... EVERY-ONE...
THE PATH THAT CUTS THROUGH THE MID-HEAVENS IS AN EVIL OMEN.
ACCORDING TO DRUIDS IT POINTS TO THE DESTRUCTION OF THE KINGDOM OR THE DEATH OF LOVE
I'VE NEVER SEEN ANYTHING LIKE THIS!
SHAAA!
SO MANY FALLING STARS...
WHAT THE HECK IS THAT?!
THERE'S A GIGANTIC BELT OF LIGHT ACROSS THE S-SKY.
GWOHM GWOHM

CRIME AND PUNISHMENT
THE DESCENT - II

TH... THAT'S...
GYROOOOOH
ANTHRASAX... IT SHOULD HAVE BEEN BLASTED APART ON AN ATOMIC LEVEL...
WHAT THE HE-- IS THAT

※ VOICE EMANATING FROM GHOSTLY FORMS.

THE ANGEL OF DESTRUCTION!
SHWAAAAH

TREMBLE
TREMBLE

ALSO KNOWN AS THE HASHMALLIM AND REGARDED AS GODS BY PAGAN FAITHS.
THIS IS THE CREATOR'S ANGELIC MESSENGER WHO CONCERNS ITSELF WITH THE DETAILS OF OUR EXISTENCE!
THE DOMINION ANGELS OF THE SECOND SPHERE FIRST LEVEL

D
M
THAT IS THE TRUE COUNTENANCE OF THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION, ANTHRASAX!

Oooo

AOOO

THE TRUE NATURE OF THAT TERRIFYING MONSTER, THAT UGLY, EVIL, DREADED BEAST...
THIS IS THE ONE WHOM YOU HAVE LOVED THE ONE TO WHOM YOU HAVE OFFERED UP YOUR PRAYERS AS A VIRTUOUS PRIESTESS
GRAAH
DESIRING TO EXTERMINATE ALL HUMANITY...
THE ONE DISPATCHED BY THE DEMON GOD TO WREAK DESTRUCTION AND MASS SLAUGHTER
IS NOT THE DEVIL BUT...
LISTEN, TIA NOTO YOKO!
IT IS THE ANGEL SENT BY GOD!
...GOD!

RMBL RMBL RMBL
RMBL RMBL RMBL
THAT IS A LIE ...!
RMBL
RMBL

BO
OOM
RAAGH!
BGGOOH
PHOSH
GRAAAW
GYAH!
DM
DMDM
DMDMDM

GGROOM
GWROOH!
GGGWOOOH
GWOH
AN UNDEAD ...!
NEITHER SWORD NOR MAGIC WORKS AGAINST IT!
IMPOSSIBLE...
WHAT ...!
THIS IS TRULY THE POWER ONLY BESTOWED BY GOD!
KADOOM
AAAAHAHAHA! IT'S USELESS, YOU SAMJRAI! I AM INVINCIBLE! INDESCTRUCTIBLE !!

DNBOOM
KILING MAAA-RRSH.
AAGHHH AAH AMMM ZING
Royal Too Too Lovely Escalation!
BOOM

KSHAA!
GAH!
GH!
ZZGJRSHGNMSK
DKKAH!
YOU DEFILED BEINGS HAVE NO RIGHT TO LIVE ON THIS EARTH!
WAAHAHAHA! WAAHAHAHA! DIE! DIE! DIE!
GWAAAAH!
YOUR DEATH IS THE WILL OF GOD!

~GBAH~
GAH!
M...MY
A...ARM...
VAI!
KAI!
WE'RE ALL GOING TO DIE...!
IF IT GOES ON LIKE THIS...
HAAA
...!

GIVE UP... THEN DIE.
ZD
M
IT IS DESTINY!
GM GM GM
GM GM
THIS IS WHAT GOD HAS DECREED
YOU DECIDE MY DESTINY? OVER MY DEAD BODY.
ZK K
YOU BASTARD WITHOUT ANY E'E BROWS.
SH
GSHK!
SHUT UP...
YOU'LL JUST GET IN MY WAY.
...
ALL YOU, GO ON AHEAD!
ZIOK.

TSH!
GO AND HELP THE MAN THAT YOU HAVE PLACED YOUR FAITH IN!
YOU SAMURAI, GO!
BROTHER
HE MIGHT BE THE LAST HOPE LEFT TO SAVE OUR WORLD...
THAT
I'LL JOIN YOU, ZION...
I CAN SEE WHAT YOU'RE THINKING.
RAN...

THANKS. I'M IN YOUR DEBT, SORCERER SHOGUN!
...
WHAT ARE YOU DOING? HURRY UP AND GO!
...
...
GWAM
STAY ALIVE... KAI.
...
...RAN...

FZZW
OOOH
YOU FOOLS!
DOOMM
WRAAGH!

THAT'S WHY... GOD..
BECAUSE A HANDFUL OF HUMANS TURNED A DEAF EAR TO THE WORD OF GOD AND KEPT FIGHTING?
JUST BECAUSE A FEW SELFISHLY RECREATED THE WORLD...?
IT'S A LIE...
LIE..
THAT CAN'T BE..
...AMS TO DESTROY ALL HUMANITY, HIS OWN CHILDREN.?
GWAAAAAAAA
VWP
ZZIP
VWOSH
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
GWOM

WKOOOH
WRDDDH
ARE YOU WILLING TO SUFFER THE BURDEN THE IMPACT OF SUCH A SECRET
!!
MANKIND HAS COMMITTED A GREATER SIN BEFORE GOD
NO.. THAT IS NOT THE ONLY REASON
WOSH
GWM
GWM GWM
GWM
GWM
GWM
GWM

VWP
VSH VSH VSH VSH
DBOO
ZSHAA
FWA!
OH

BOOM
GK
GWOOK
GWM GWM GWM GWM
BOOM
DM DM DM DM
KA-BOOM
RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE RUMBLE
!!
WHOA! THAT WAS HUGE!
...HEY WALT!
RUMBLE RUMBLE
WHAT ?!
THE ARC S LOSING BUOYANCY AND IS BEGIN- NING TO DESCEND!
WE'RE FALLING.
THAT ATTACK IS NOTHING LIKE THE ONES BEFORE!

ZWM ZWM ZWM ZWM ZWM
HE'S MORE STUBBORN THAN THAT, ALWAYS SAUNTERING BACK ALIVE!
GET A GRIP, NEI! HE'S NOT DEAD!
GR AB
GARA.

OKAY OKAY
WHAT'S WITH YOU! TALKING LIKE YOU KNOW EVERYTHING! YOU DON'T HAVE TO TELL ME SOMETHING OBVIOUS LIKE THAT..
BAM
BAM
TAKE THAT! STUPID IDIOT! BIG OAF!
HMPH
YOU'RE RIGHT...
...
SORRY TO DISAPPOINT YOU, BUT IT IS FUTILE...
THERE IS NO POINT RISING UP AGAINST THOSE ANGELS...
YOU AREN'T PROPOSING THAT WE GO UP AGAINST THOSE FLYING MONSTERS, ARE YOU...?
NO WAY!
M-MY BODY'S A BIT ACHY -WELL...
ZWM
WE CAN'T STAY HERE. LET'S GO!
HUH? GO WHERE, KALL...?

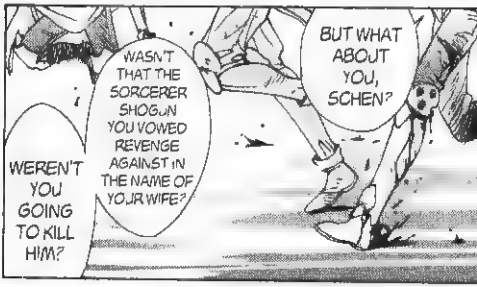
DO YOU REALIZE WHAT THIS MEANS, GARA? NEI?
...
BUT A MES-SENGER FROM GOD!
NOT ONE OF THE WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION DESCRIBED IN THE LEGENDS OF THE CRAZED ANCIENT WORLD OR EVEN THE DEVIL HIMSELF RESURRECTED FROM HELL
RIGHT THE GOD OF DESTRUC-TION IS AN ANGEL.
SINCE ALL OF OUR ULTIMATE S... PROVED COMPLE... INEFFECTIVE COM... AGAINST THE GO... DESTRUCTION ANTHRASAX
THERE IS A SECRET THAT NONE OF US COULD HAVE IMAGINED.
APPARENT... BEHIND THE LEGEND THAT WE KNOW OF THE GOD OF DESTRUCT... AND THE DRAGON KNIGHT
GWOO
ON
WHAT DOES IT ALL MEAN...?
THE HISTORY OF THIS WORLD...
...IS WHAT WE HAVE TO FIND OUT!
THAT
KSH

YOU'RE BECOMING MORE AND MORE LIKE D.S., YOU KNOW THAT?

HUFF HUFF
I'M UNSTOPPABLE! I WON'T DIE UNTIL I'VE TAKEN MISS YOKO'S VIRGINITY!

HANGING IN THERE, VAI?

YEAH...
BUT...


BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU, SCHEN?
WASN'T THAT THE SORCERER SHOGUN YOU VOWED REVENGE AGAINST IN THE NAME OF YOUR WIFE?
WEREN'T YOU GOING TO KILL HIM?

WE WERE STILL... BROTHERS.
SCHEN...

GWOOOOOOO
HUFF
HUFF
NOW IS THE TIME TO CAST ASIDE EVERY-THING AND FIGHT!

GWRAHAHAHA
GWRAHA HAHA. DIE YOU LOWLY PEONS!
GAH!
GKOH!
CRACK
BWK
GAAAH!

WOOOH
HAHAHA... YOU IDIOT.
ZD
YOU'RE GONNA DIE WITH ME!
GYAH!!
HM
WOOSH!
GO!
CRACK
WHAT...?
OKEE

WOOOH!
BWAAAAAGH!
VWOOSH!!

DYAAH!
DIE!
GOOOH
YOU FOOLS!

GWeaaooH
WE'RE GOING TO MAKE A RUN FOR IT!
NH!
NO YOU DON'T!
GWOH
GET TO D.S.. AS FAST AS YOU CAN..!
BASH YOU TO DEATH!
GAH!
DGWAAAK

GROOAAH!
!!
SLASH
THAT'S NOT GOING TO HAPPEN!
GYEEH
BOOM
YOU SHALL NOT PASS!
SCHEN
GO! FOR THE SAKE OF THIS WORLD, BE A SHIELD FOR D.S. AND DEFEAT THIS EVIL...!
AH!

KEEEEA
DYAAAAH!
JORG!
JOSHUA, GO!
GGSHGGSH
GGSHGGSH
NNNGH!
KSHH
D.S. IS FIGHTING THE GOD OF DESTRUCTION ALL ALONE! HAVE YOU FORGOTTEN THE MISSION OF THE SAMURAI?!
HE DEFLECTED IT BACK?!
AAAAAAH!
KON!

ZSHA!
GNEEEEH
BWAH!
HUFF
PANT
JORG...!
GGGHH

ZAGBOOM
AAAGH!
GROOOAAAH

WHOOSH
VEYA!
VVVZZZZH
WHOOSH
KWEEE
BEEP BEEP
OOH! THIS IS AN UNKNOWN TYPE OF ENERGY!
!!
HIGH ENERGY LEVEL DETECTED
JYAAAAAH!

FOCAL POINT TEMPERATURE IS IN EXCESS OF 870,000 DEGREES!
UNBELIEVABLE DESTRUCTIVE POWERS...
GWMDM
THIS COULD BE THE LIGHTNING BOLT OF GOD, MENTIONED IN THE OLD TESTAMENT, SAID TO HAVE DECIMATED KING SENNACHERIB'S ARMY OF 185,000...
DM DM DM
BOOM!
SO THIS... IS THE POWER OF GOD...
...
HEH... AMAZING...
PWAH
DGOOM
KA BOOM
OOOOOH!

SNRD

WHAT IS THIS SIN THAT ALL OF MANKIND MUST DIE FOR?!
SIN...
WHAT IS THIS SIN..?!
ZHA ZHA ZHA
...
IT IS...
...
ZAKRAAKRAASH
AAAH!
WHOA!

GLNK
GKKKKGSH
ZBOOM
WROOOOOM
WHAT IS THIS...?
...

THESE ARE ALL...
THE GRAVES OF ELVES ...!
THESE ARE THE RESIDENTS OF THE FORMER FLOATING CITY...
GRAVES ...
NO...THEY ARE NOT GRAVES. LOOK CLOSER.
!
THEY ARE ALL ALIVE.

...
THIS CORD...
WR
MMM
IN OTHER WORDS, THE USEABLE LIFE FORCE.
..WAS WITH THE SOURCE OF VITALITY FOR ALL LIVING THINGS, INCLUDING HUMANS... THE POWER OF THE SOUL.
WHAT THE MAGIC OF THE ANCIENT WORLD, SCIENCE, EXCELLED IN...
THAT IS SPIRIT ENERGY.
THE ULTIMATE IN PERFECT EFFECIENCY, MORE SUSTAINABLE THAN NUCLEAR.
LIMITLESS AND HARMLESS, THE PERFECT ENERGY SOURCE.

EVERY LINE COMING FROM THESE CAPSULES ...
ARE BUNDLED INTO ONE, CONVERGING INTO A MASSIVE AMOUNT OF SPIRIT ENERGY
WHY DID SUCH AN ADVANCED CIVILIZATION DIE OFF...?
THE ENERGY POWERING THIS FLOATING CITY, KING CRIMSON GLORY, AIRBORNE AT THIS VERY MOMENT...
IS THIS SPIRIT ENERGY.
THE SHOCK OF SUDDEN REALIZATION.
AAH...
THIS ARC...
...MOVES ONLY THROUGH THE SPIRIT POWER OF INNUMERABLE ELVES WHO LIVED HERE IN THE PAST.
IN OTHER WORDS, THIS IS THE CORE POWER REACTOR FOR THIS ARC!
WROOOOOOOM
NO...

THE FORBIDDEN SCIENCE THAT VIOLATED GOD'S DOMAIN!
IT'S TRUE.. THIS SPIRIT ENERGY EXPERIMENT WAS INDEED...!
STOP. NO MORE ...!
NO...
DON'T SAY THAT..!
GM
GM
I CAN'T TAKE THIS ANYMORE!
ALL OF HUMANITY'S MISERY HAS ITS ROOTS WITH YOU!

DMDMDM DMDM
...OF GOD'S POWER!
WRAHAHA HAHA! THAT'S RIGHT, ANGEL!
SHOW US MORE...!

HA AA HA HA HA AA!!
NO MORE...
I CAN'T BELIEVE THAT MANKIND WILL DIE... BECAUSE OF GOD'S WRATH..
HEH HEH HEH
...ARE TO DIE? IS THAT ALL THAT IS LEFT FOR MANKIND?!
THEN... PEOPLE...
THAT ANNIHILATION WOULD BE GOD'S... DIVINE WILL!
WHEEZE

...
GRAB
PLEASE!
WAS MANKIND BORN ONLY TO BE DESTROYED ?!
MAAARSHHH...
BUT I WON'T DIE IN VAIN...
GKKDDDDDD!!
ZSH
VAI!
GKSHN—K
HURRY! I'M NOT GOING TO MAKE IT ANYWAY!
GASP.
HUFF.

I'LL SHOW YOU THE SAMURAI'S ULTIMATE WEAPON...
A STRENGTH I CAN RELEASE BY SACRIFICING MY LIFE IN FLAMES.
VAI!
OUR DEATHS... WHAT ARE THEY?!
OUR LIVES UP TO NOW...
WHAT WAS THE POINT OF BEING BORN?!
CRIME AND PUNISHMENT - THE DESCENT - THE END

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